

1 AN ACT relating to public protection.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 75.160 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The chief of the fire department in fire protection districts shall attend all sessions  
5 of the board, except executive sessions, and he *or she* shall execute all the orders of  
6 the board. Whenever "chief" is used in KRS 75.100 to 75.260, it shall include the  
7 assistant chief when the chief is not on duty.
- 8 (2) The regular members of the fire department in fire protection districts, except  
9 volunteer firemen, shall have the same powers of arrest as now given by law to  
10 sheriffs of this Commonwealth, and they are hereby expressly declared conservators  
11 of the public peace whose duties, in addition to their other prescribed duties, are to  
12 conserve the peace, enforce all laws, and preserve order, and they shall have and are  
13 hereby expressly given the same right and the same power to arrest, search, and  
14 seize as is now given by law to sheriffs of this Commonwealth, and they shall be at  
15 all times subject to the orders of the county judge/executive in which the fire district  
16 lies while enforcing the provisions of this section. Provided, however, that members  
17 of said fire departments shall not have the power to serve subpoenas, summonses,  
18 and notices in civil cases, and they shall receive no fees for performing any of the  
19 duties prescribed in this section as pertains to powers of law enforcement. The  
20 members shall constitute a law enforcement agency in addition to the patrol and  
21 investigation functions of the sheriff and his *or her* deputies under KRS 75.150 to  
22 75.170.